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BATMAN

WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

HERE IS THE STORY OF HOW **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** PENETRATED THE THICK JUNGLE AND TREACHEROUS BOG OF THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, TO FIGHT MEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE REPTILES OF THE SWAMPS! AND HERE ALSO, IS THE HEART-WARMING TALE OF AN OLD SEMINOLE INDIAN WHO FOUND NEW PRIDE AND COURAGE -- AS HE FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THEM, TO SOLVE...

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IN A SEMINOLE VILLAGE DEEP IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, YOUNGSTERS CROWD EAGERLY ABOUT A CAMPFIRE...
TELL US ABOUT JOE OSCEOLA AND BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WHAT? AGAIN? YOU NEVER TIRE OF THE STORY-- AND NO WONDER, FOR IT IS INDEED A GREAT ADVENTURE!
I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY AS T'WAS TOLD TO ME BY JOE OSCEOLA, WHO IS OUR COUSIN AND LIVES IN THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGE...
"ONE DAY, OLD JOE--FOR SO ALL CALL HIM--WAS DEEP IN THE SWAMP, SETTING HIS TRAP FOR THE LONG-TUSKED WILD BOAR..."
"SUDDENLY, SWIFT AS WATER MOCCASINS, TWO PALEFACES SPRANG FROM THE BRUSH AND SEIZED OLD JOE..."
C'MON, OLDTIMER--YOU'RE COMIN' WITH US! OUR BOSS WANTS A LITTLE TALK WITH YOU!
AII-II! LET ME GO!
"AND INDEED IT WAS MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, WHOSE EXPLOITS ARE KNOWN EVEN TO US WHO LIVE IN THE DEEP CYPRESS SWAMPS..."
BATMAN--HE'S GOT A GUN! LOOK OUT!
BAM!
"THEN, LIKE STRIKING HAWKS, ANOTHER PAIR APPEARED AND POUNCED UPON THE WICKED ONES..."
YOU HEARD WHAT THE MAN SAID--LET HIM GO!
ULP! BATMAN AND ROBIN!

CORRECTION, ROBIN-- HE HAD A GUN!
UGH!
"SUDDENLY, THE BLACK-HEARTED ONES TURNED AND FLED TO THE BOAT THEY HAD HIDDEN NEARBY, AND..."
A PROPELLER-DRIVEN SWAMP-SLED! WE'LL NEVER CATCH THEM NOW!
I, JOE OSCEOLA, AM GRATEFUL TO YOU! BUT HOW COME THE GREAT BATMAN AND ROBIN HERE?
WE ARE IN FLORIDA FOR A VACATION! WE HAPPENED TO BE SIGHTSEEING IN THE EVERGLADES WHEN WE HEARD YOU SHOUT! WHY WERE THOSE MEN AFTER YOU?
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY WANT OF OLD JOE! YESTERDAY THEY ATTACKED ME, TOO, BUT I MANAGED TO ESCAPE!
HMM! YOU MUST BE IMPORTANT TO THEM FOR SOME REASON! I THINK ROBIN AND I WILL STICK AROUND UNTIL WE SOLVE THIS LITTLE MYSTERY!
"OH, HOW PROUD WAS OLD JOE WHEN HE BROUGHT THOSE TWO MIGHTY WARRIORS TO HIS VILLAGE..."
LOOK! OLD JOE BRINGS BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THE FAMOUS CRIME-FIGHTERS VISITING US! THIS IS INDEED A TIME FOR CELEBRATION!
"BUT, LATER, BATMAN'S KEEN EYES DETECTED SADNESS IN OLD JOE'S EYES..."
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?
I MOURN FOR THE PAST, WHEN I WAS YOUNGER--AND AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE TRIBE...

...THEN THE YOUNG ONES WOULD PURSUE ME AND BEG ME TO TELL THEM OF MY EXPLOITS -- BUT NOW THAT I AM OLD, THEY IGNORE ME!
"OLD, HE WAS -- BUT IT WAS THE WEIGHT OF JOE'S SADNESS THAT MADE HIM SEEM OLDER..."
POOR MAN!
JOE'S TROUBLE IS THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PRIDE IN HIMSELF ANY MORE!
"IT WAS SOON AFTER THAT A FAMILIAR VISITOR CAME TO THE VILLAGE..."
HI, JOE! I SEE YOU'VE GOT COMPANY!
HE IS MIKE BRIGGS -- A BUYER OF HIDES OF ALLIGATORS THAT WE TRAP!
"WHEN BRIGGS ENTERED OLD JOE'S CHIKEE,* BATMAN NOTED THE TRADER'S EYES LOOKING RESTLESSLY ABOUT..."
NICE SKINS, JOE -- UH- YEAH- FINE -- FINE...
HMM! BRIGGS SEEMS TO BE SEEKING SOMETHING -- BUT WHAT?
*ED. NOTE: A CHIKEE IS AN INDIAN HUT
"AND WHEN THE BUSINESS WAS DONE..."
I HEAR YOU SAVED OLD JOE FROM SOME TROUBLE TODAY! GOOD THING, TOO! I'M FOND OF THE OLD BOY -- WOULDN'T WANT ANYONE TO HURT HIM!
NONE OF US TOLD BRIGGS ABOUT JOE BEING ATTACKED! THE ONLY WAY HE COULD HAVE KNOWN IS IF THOSE THUGS TOLD HIM!
GOLLY! -- YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL BET BRIGGS IS THE BOSS THEY WANTED TO TAKE JOE TO!
ROBIN AND I ARE GOING TO FOLLOW BRIGGS! YOU STAY HERE! UH -- WE'LL CALL YOU IF WE NEED YOU!
BATMAN MEANS WELL -- BUT I UNDERSTAND! HE THINKS I AM TOO OLD -- AND THAT I WILL ONLY BE IN THEY WAY!
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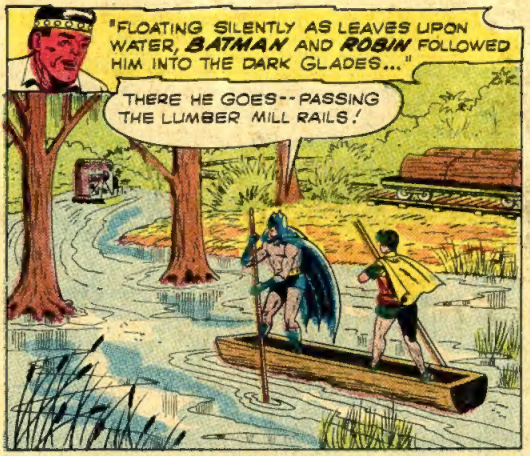
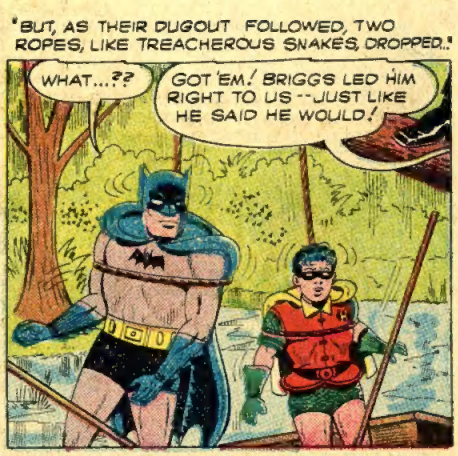
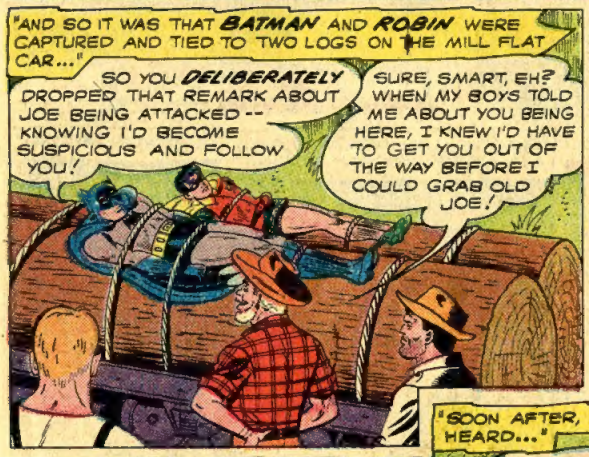

"FLOATING SILENTLY AS LEAVES UPON WATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN FOLLOWED HIM INTO THE DARK GLADES..."
THERE HE GOES--PASSING THE LUMBER MILL RAILS!

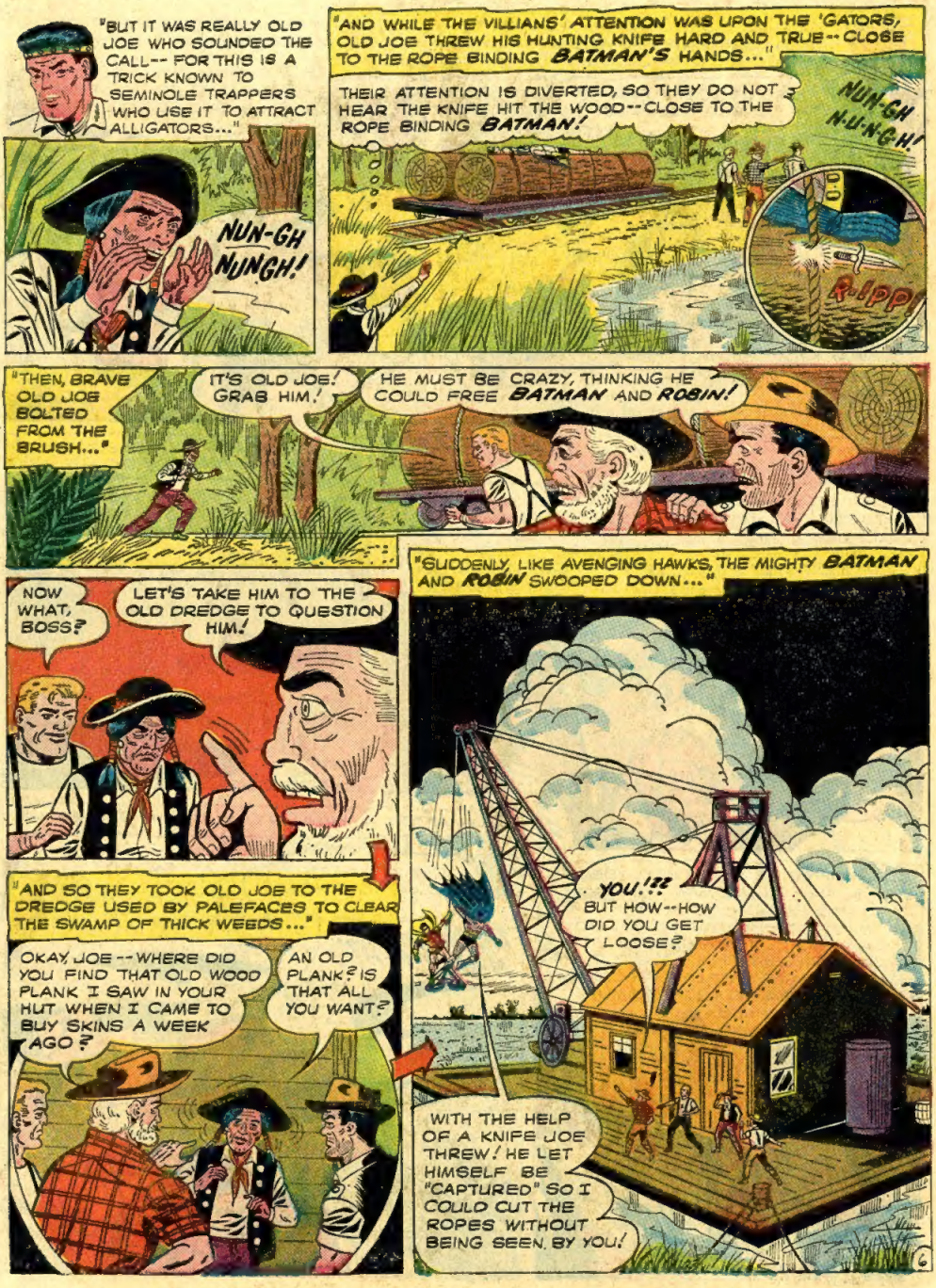

"BUT, AS THEIR DUGOUT FOLLOWED, TWO ROPES, LIKE TREACHEROUS SNAKES, DROPPED..."
WHAT...??
GOT 'EM! BRIGGS LED HIM RIGHT TO US--JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD!


"AND SO IT WAS THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE CAPTURED AND TIED TO TWO LOGS ON THE MILL FLAT CAR..."
SO YOU DELIBERATELY DROPPED THAT REMARK ABOUT JOE BEING ATTACKED--KNOWING I'D BECOME SUSPICIOUS AND FOLLOW YOU!
SURE, SMART, EH? WHEN MY BOYS TOLD ME ABOUT YOU BEING HERE, I KNEW I'D HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE I COULD GRAB OLD JOE!

"MEANWHILE, AS TIME PASSED AND BATMAN AND ROBIN DID NOT RETURN..."
SOMETHING IS WRONG! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO MY FRIENDS! I MUST GO TO THEM!

"OLD, HIS EYES WERE, BUT STILL KEEN, AND VERY SHORTLY OLD JOE SAW THE CAPTURED PAIR..."
WHAT CAN I DO? I AM TOO OLD TO FIGHT THE WICKED ONES! BUT LIKE THE OLD PANTHER WHO MUST USE HIS CUNNING INSTEAD OF STRENGTH, SO MUST I USE MINE!

"SOON AFTER, A FAMILIAR CALL OF THE GLADES WAS HEARD..."
ONE ALLIGATOR CALLING TO OTHERS!
YEAH--AND LOOK AT 'EM GO!
NUNGH-N-U-N-G-H!


"BUT IT WAS REALLY OLD JOE WHO SOUNDED THE CALL-- FOR THIS IS A TRICK KNOWN TO SEMINOLE TRAPPERS WHO USE IT TO ATTRACT ALLIGATORS..."
NUN-GH NUNGH!
"AND WHILE THE VILLIANS' ATTENTION WAS UPON THE 'GATORS, OLD JOE THREW HIS HUNTING KNIFE HARD AND TRUE--CLOSE TO THE ROPE BINDING BATMAN'S HANDS..."
THEIR ATTENTION IS DIVERTED, SO THEY DO NOT HEAR THE KNIFE HIT THE WOOD--CLOSE TO THE ROPE BINDING BATMAN!
NUN-GH N-U-N-G-H!
R-I-P-P!
"THEN, BRAVE OLD JOE BOLTED FROM THE BRUSH..."
IT'S OLD JOE! GRAB HIM!
HE MUST BE CRAZY, THINKING HE COULD FREE BATMAN AND ROBIN!
NOW WHAT, BOSS?
LET'S TAKE HIM TO THE OLD DREDGE TO QUESTION HIM!
"AND SO THEY TOOK OLD JOE TO THE DREDGE USED BY PALEFACES TO CLEAR THE SWAMP OF THICK WEEDS..."
OKAY, JOE--WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT OLD WOOD PLANK I SAW IN YOUR HUT WHEN I CAME TO BUY SKINS A WEEK AGO?
AN OLD PLANK? IS THAT ALL YOU WANT?
"SUDDENLY, LIKE AVENGING HAWKS, THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN SWOOPED DOWN..."
YOU!?? BUT HOW--HOW DID YOU GET LOOSE?
WITH THE HELP OF A KNIFE JOE THREW! HE LET HIMSELF BE "CAPTURED" SO I COULD CUT THE ROPES WITHOUT BEING SEEN, BY YOU!

"LIKE THE LIGHTNING THAT STRIKES DOWN THE GREAT CYPRESS TREES, SO DID BATMAN AND ROBIN LASH OUT..."

"AND SO GREAT WAS OLD JOE'S EXCITEMENT, THAT HE FORGOT HE WAS OLD AND FOUGHT AS A YOUNG WARRIOR WOULD..."
AI-II.' NEVER HAVE I FELT SO GOOD AS NOW!
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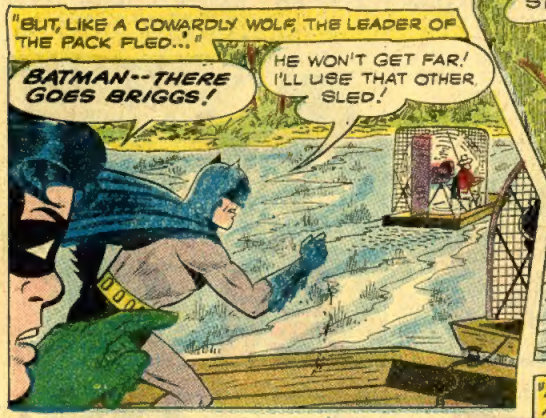
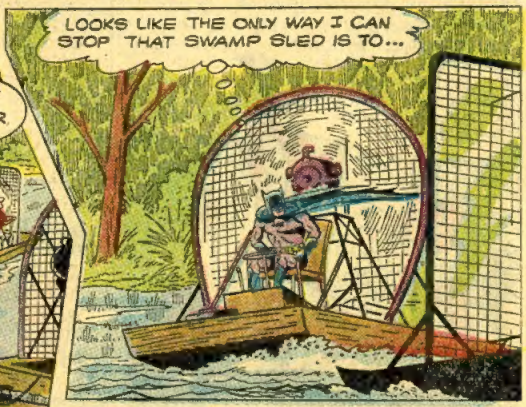
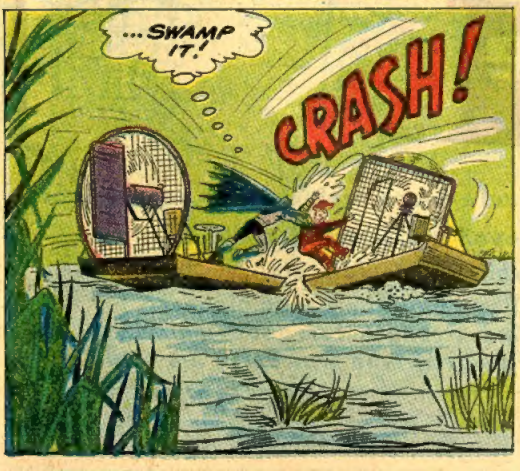
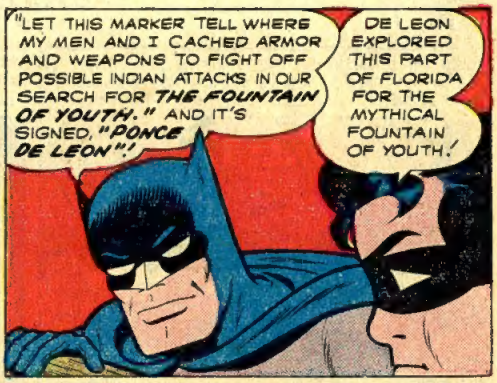

"BUT, LIKE A COWARDLY WOLF, THE LEADER OF THE PACK FLED..."
BATMAN--THERE GOES BRIGGS!
HE WON'T GET FAR! I'LL USE THAT OTHER SLED!

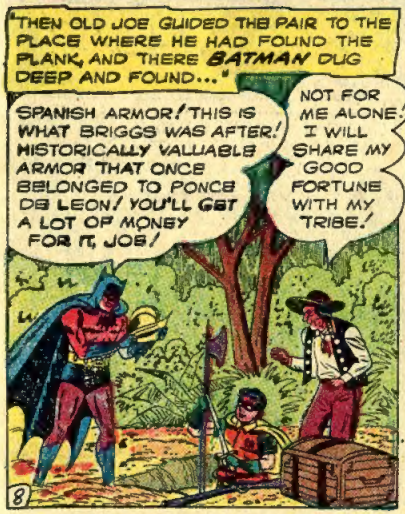

LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY I CAN STOP THAT SWAMP SLED IS TO...


...SWAMP IT!
CRASH!

"AND SO, AFTER THE VILLAINS WERE TAKEN AWAY, BATMAN QUESTIONED OLD JOE..."
JOE, WHAT PIECE OF WOOD WAS BRIGGS ASKING YOU ABOUT?
IT IS AN OLD PLANK THAT I FOUND AND USED TO PATCH A HOLE IN MY DUGOUT.'

BATMAN THEN OVERTURNED JOE'S DUGOUT, AND ON THE PLANK HE SAW...
WRITING--SCRATCHED INTO THE WOOD! IT'S IN SPANISH, BUT I CAN TRANSLATE IT!


"LET THIS MARKER TELL WHERE MY MEN AND I CACHED ARMOR AND WEAPONS TO FIGHT OFF POSSIBLE INDIAN ATTACKS IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH." AND IT'S SIGNED, "PONCE DE LEON"!
DE LEON EXPLORED THIS PART OF FLORIDA FOR THE MYTHICAL FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!


"THEN OLD JOE GUIDED THE PAIR TO THE PLACE WHERE HE HAD FOUND THE PLANK, AND THERE BATMAN DUG DEEP AND FOUND..."
SPANISH ARMOR! THIS IS WHAT BRIGGS WAS AFTER! HISTORICALLY VALUABLE ARMOR THAT ONCE BELONGED TO PONCE DE LEON! YOU'LL GET A LOT OF MONEY FOR IT, JOE!
NOT FOR ME ALONE! I WILL SHARE MY GOOD FORTUNE WITH MY TRIBE!
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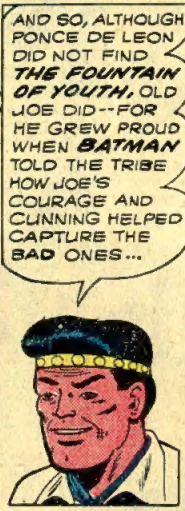
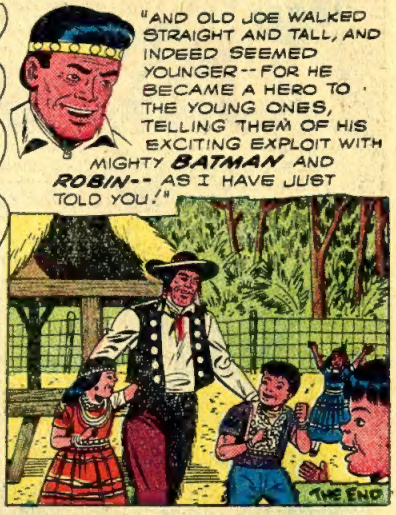

AND SO, ALTHOUGH PONCE DE LEON DID NOT FIND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, OLD JOE DID--FOR HE GREW PROUD WHEN BATMAN TOLD THE TRIBE HOW JOE'S COURAGE AND CUNNING HELPED CAPTURE THE BAD ONES...


"AND OLD JOE WALKED STRAIGHT AND TALL, AND INDEED SEEMED YOUNGER--FOR HE BECAME A HERO TO THE YOUNG ONES, TELLING THEM OF HIS EXCITING EXPLOIT WITH MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN--AS I HAVE JUST TOLD YOU!"
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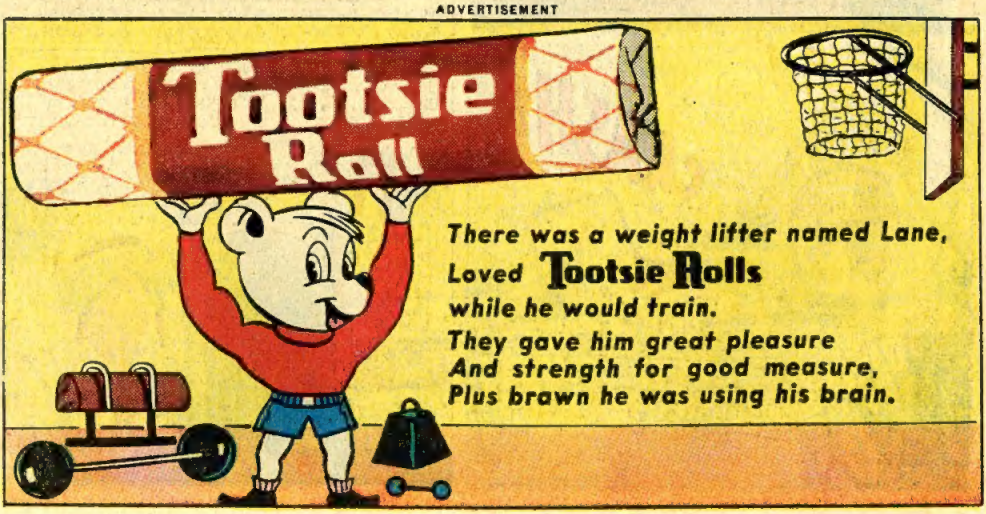
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(*BROTHERHOOD QUOTIENT.)

A. CHECK ONE COLUMN FOR EACH ITEM LISTED TO TEST YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES.

	UGH! DISLIKE	UM! LIKE	SO-SO! LUKEWARM	NO THOUGHT! VACANT
Alligators				
Baptists				
Cabbage				
Catholics				
Detective Stories				
Foreigners				
Indians				
Jews				
Long-hair music				
Negroes				
Spiders				

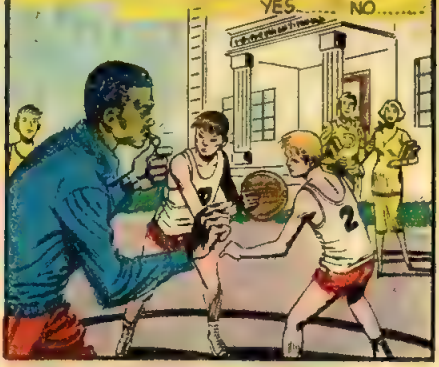
B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"

YES .....

NO .....

C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?

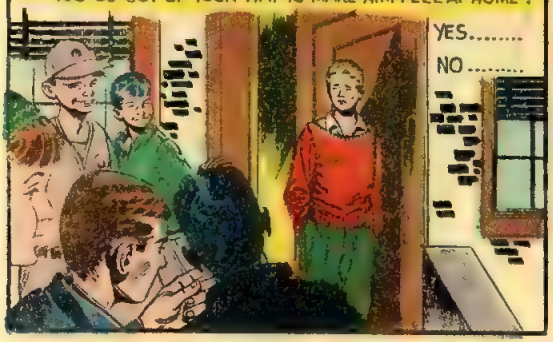
YES..... NO.....



D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?

YES.....

NO .....



HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST A? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS--NO ONE CARES! BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE--YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF.

IF YOU SCORED 3 YES ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS B, C AND D--YOU'RE OKAY! IF YOU DIDN'T--YOU'D BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT!

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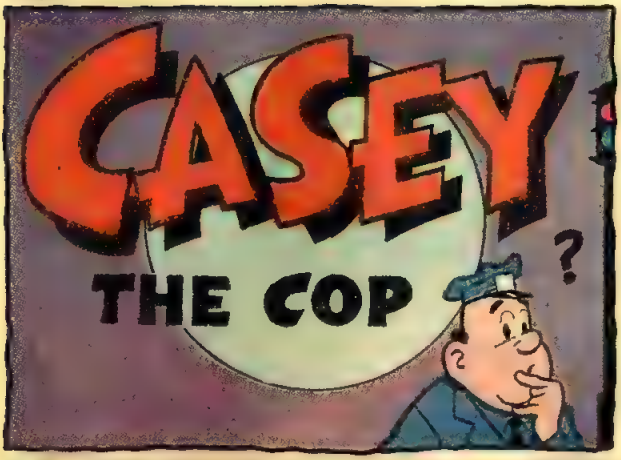
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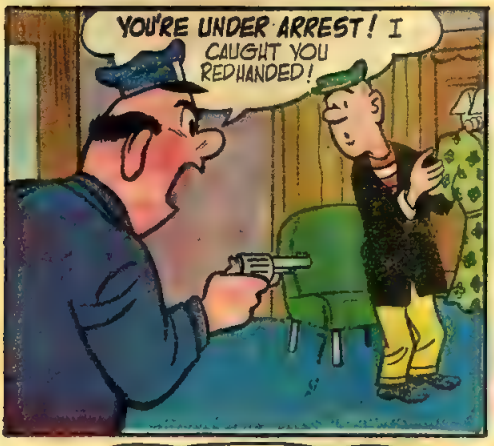
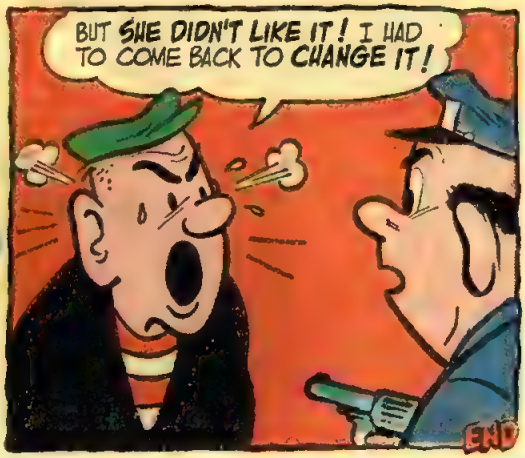
HMM - A BURGLAR!
Dress Shop


YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! I CAUGHT YOU REDHANDED!

BAH! HOW I HATE WOMEN! THEY'RE THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS!
WHY?

I WAS IN HERE LAST WEEK AND STOLE A DRESS FOR MY GIRL FRIEND!


BUT SHE DIDN'T LIKE IT! I HAD TO COME BACK TO CHANGE IT!
END

BATMAN

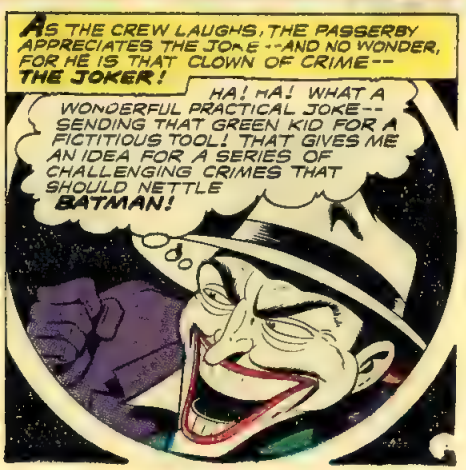
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

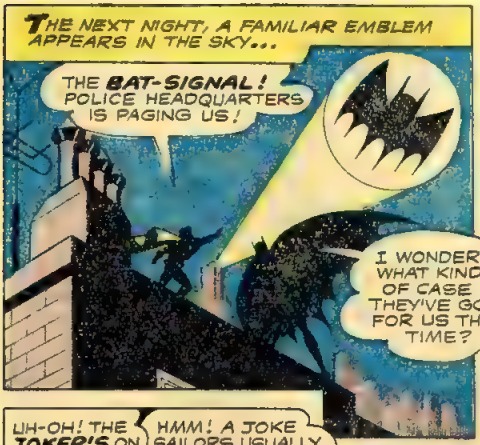
HE'S BACK!

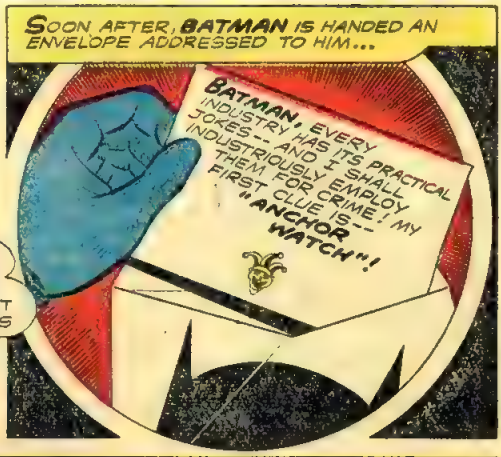
YES, THAT MIRTHFUL MENACE WHO MOCKS AT THE LAW IS BACK! ONCE AGAIN, THE **JOKER** RETURNS TO CHALLENGE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO A DUEL OF WITS--AND TO TAUNT THEM WITH HIS GRIM JESTS! HOW **BATMAN** FINALLY GETS THE LAST LAUGH ON THE **CRIME-CLOWN**, YOU WILL READ IN THE UNPREDICTABLE STORY OF...

the JOKER'S PRACTICAL JOKES!

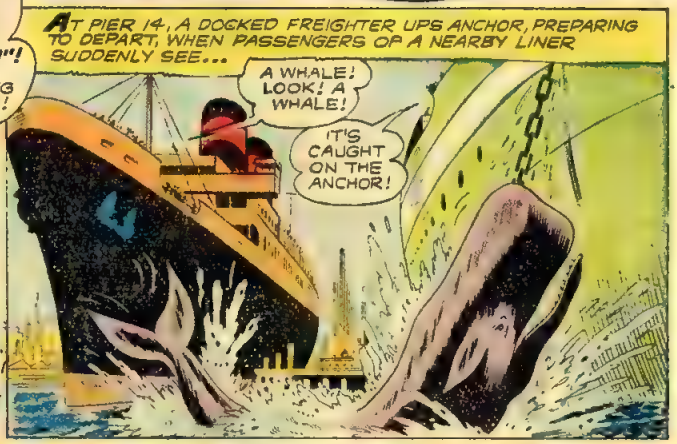
AS A PASSERBY SAUNTERS NEAR A CONSTRUCTION SITE, HE OVERHEARS A WORKMAN GIVE A CURIOUS ORDER TO AN APPRENTICE...
HEY, KID--GET ME A LEFT-HANDED MONKEYWRENCH--AND FAST!
Y-YES, SIR!

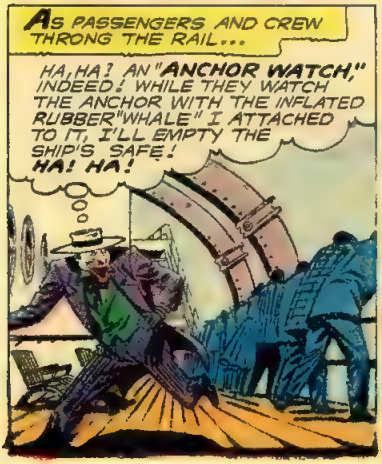

AS THE CREW LAUGHS, THE PASSERBY APPRECIATES THE JOKE--AND NO WONDER, FOR HE IS THAT CLOWN OF CRIME--THE JOKER!
HA! HA! WHAT A WONDERFUL PRACTICAL JOKE--SENDING THAT GREEN KID FOR A FICTITIOUS TOOL! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR A SERIES OF CHALLENGING CRIMES THAT SHOULD NETTLE BATMAN!

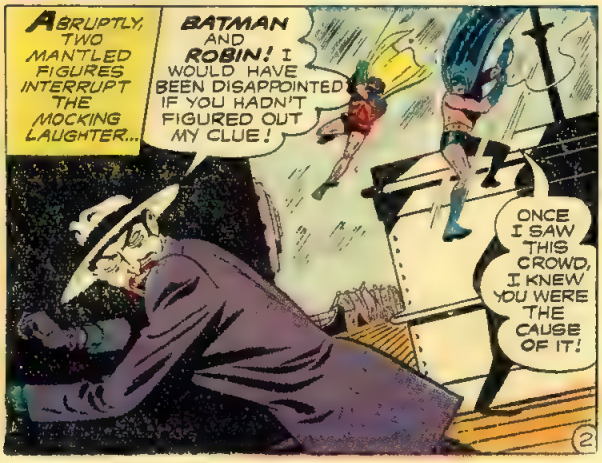

THE NEXT NIGHT, A FAMILIAR EMBLEM APPEARS IN THE SKY...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS PAGING US!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF CASE THEY'VE GOT FOR US THIS TIME?

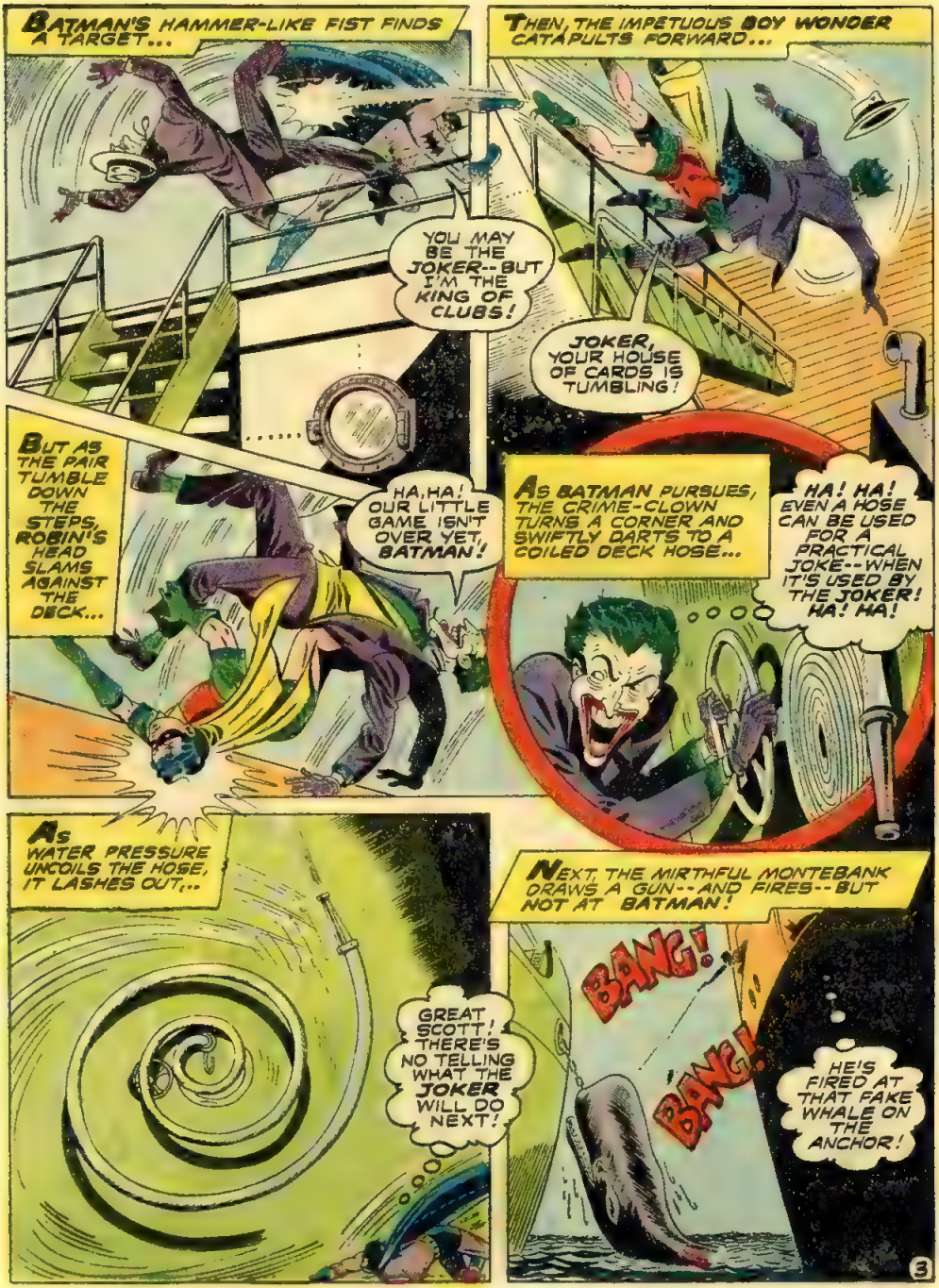

SOON AFTER, BATMAN IS HANDED AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO HIM...
BATMAN, EVERY INDUSTRY HAS ITS PRACTICAL JOKES--AND I SHALL INDUSTRIOUSLY EMPLOY THEM FOR CRIME! MY FIRST CLUE IS--"ANCHOR WATCH"!

UH-OH! THE JOKER'S ON THE LOOSE AGAIN--AND CHALLENGING YOU TO ANOTHER DUEL OF WITS!
HMM! A JOKE SAILORS USUALLY PLAY ON A NEW HAND IS TO TELL HIM TO STAND "ANCHOR WATCH"! ROBIN, LET'S START PATROLLING GOTHAM HARBOR!

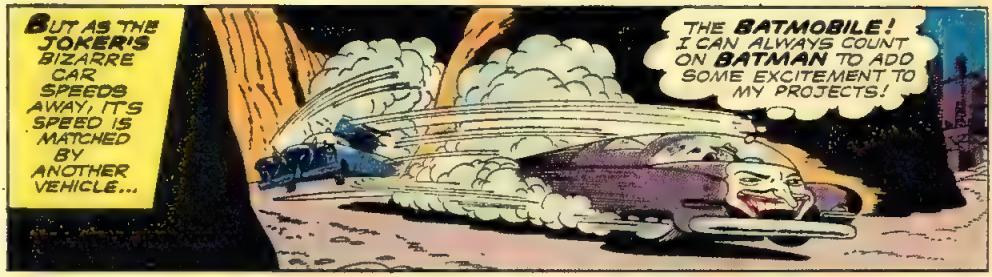

AT PIER 14, A DOCKED FREIGHTER UPS ANCHOR, PREPARING TO DEPART, WHEN PASSENGERS OF A NEARBY LINER SUDDENLY SEE...
A WHALE! LOOK! A WHALE!
IT'S CAUGHT ON THE ANCHOR!

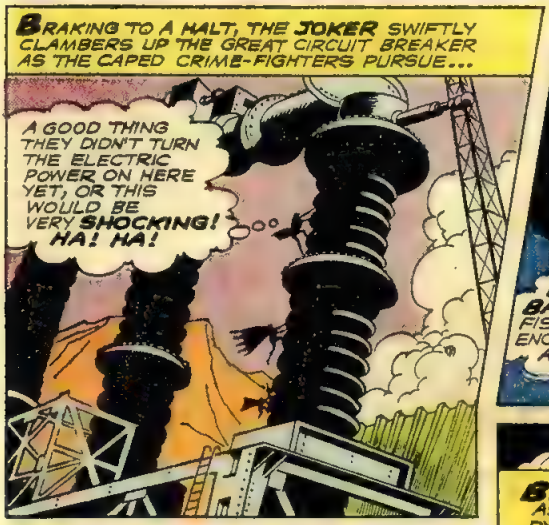

AS PASSENGERS AND CREW THRONG THE RAIL...
HA, HA! AN "ANCHOR WATCH," INDEED! WHILE THEY WATCH THE ANCHOR WITH THE INFLATED RUBBER "WHALE" I ATTACHED TO IT, I'LL EMPTY THE SHIP'S SAFE! HA! HA!

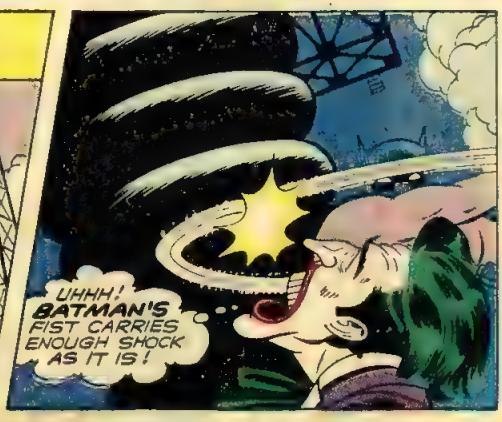

ABRUPTLY, TWO MANTLED FIGURES INTERRUPT THE MOCKING LAUGHTER...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! I WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED IF YOU HADN'T FIGURED OUT MY CLUE!
ONCE I SAW THIS CROWD, I KNEW YOU WERE THE CAUSE OF IT!

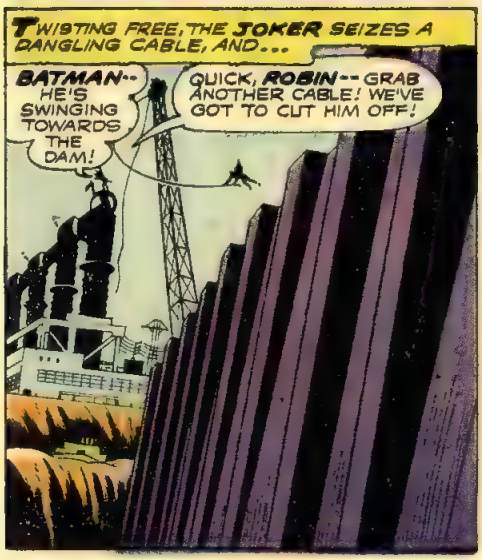

BATMAN'S HAMMER-LIKE FIST FINDS A TARGET...
YOU MAY BE THE JOKER--BUT I'M THE KING OF CLUBS!
THEN, THE IMPETUOUS BOY WONDER CATAPULTS FORWARD...
JOKER, YOUR HOUSE OF CARDS IS TUMBLING!
BUT AS THE PAIR TUMBLE DOWN THE STEPS, ROBIN'S HEAD SLAMS AGAINST THE DECK...
HA, HA! OUR LITTLE GAME ISN'T OVER YET, BATMAN!
AS BATMAN PURSUES, THE CRIME-CLOWN TURNS A CORNER AND SWIFTLY DARTS TO A COILED DECK HOSE...
HA! HA! EVEN A HOSE CAN BE USED FOR A PRACTICAL JOKE--WHEN IT'S USED BY THE JOKER! HA! HA!
AS WATER PRESSURE UNCOILS THE HOSE, IT LASHES OUT...
GREAT SCOTT! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THE JOKER WILL DO NEXT!
NEXT, THE MIRTHFUL MONTEBANK DRAWS A GUN--AND FIRES--BUT NOT AT BATMAN!
BANG!
BANG!
HE'S FIRED AT THAT FAKE WHALE ON THE ANCHOR!

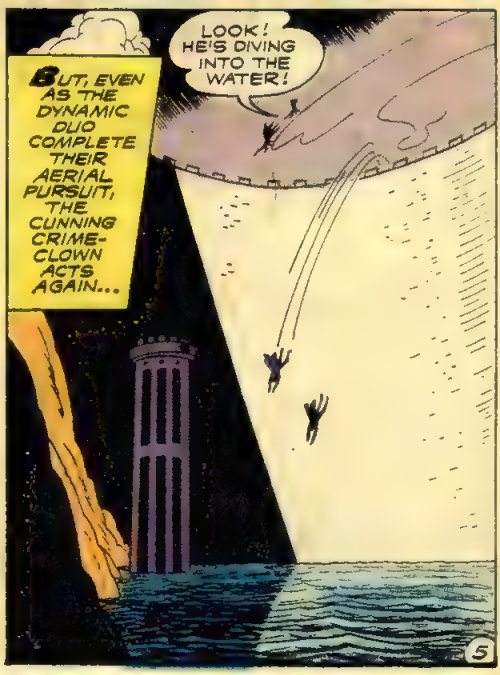
THE INFLATED RUBBER "WHALE" EXPLODES -- AND EMITS A BLINDING CLOUD OF SMOKE THAT SPREADS SWIFTLY...
YOU KNOW I ALWAYS PLAN MY ESCAPES WELL, BATMAN! HA! HA! GOODBYE, OLD MAN, TILL WE MEET AGAIN!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN, JOKER-- YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT!
LATER, WILD, MOCKING LAUGHTER FILLS THE BIZARRE HIDEOUT OF THE JOKER...
HA! HA! THERE'S NOTHING I LIKE BETTER THAN TO MATCH WITS WITH BATMAN! HA! HA! NOW--WHAT PRACTICAL JOKE SHALL I TRY NEXT?
THE NEXT DAY, ANOTHER CHALLENGE FROM THE GRIM JESTER AWAITS BATMAN AT HEADQUARTERS...
A "CABLE STRETCHER" IS MY NEXT CLUE! DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO YOU?
A "CABLE STRETCHER" IS WHAT WORKMEN ON ELECTRIC POWER JOBS SEND GREEN KIDS TO FETCH! HMMM!
SOON AFTER, AS A PAYROLL CAR RIDES THROUGH A MOUNTAIN PASS LEADING TO A NEW ELECTRIC CIRCUIT BREAKER BEING INSTALLED NEAR A DAM...
GOOD GRIEF! A GIANT SPIDER WEB-- AND WE'RE RIDING RIGHT INTO IT! PUT ON THE BRAKES!
NO USE! WE CAN'T STOP IN TIME!
THE TRUCK PLOWS INTO THE GREAT WEB WHICH ENSNARES IT...
THE WHEELS ARE SNARED! WE CAN'T MOVE! THE WEB'S TOO STRONG!
YES--BECAUSE IT'S MADE OF CABLE--CABLE STRETCHED OUT LIKE A WEB! HA! HA! HA!
AND NOW THIS KNOCKOUT-GAS WILL PUT YOU TO SLEEP FOR TEN MINUTES--JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO TRANSFER YOUR PAYROLL TO MY GETAWAY CAR! HA! HA! HA! HA!


BUT AS THE JOKER'S BIZARRE CAR SPEEDS AWAY, IT'S SPEED IS MATCHED BY ANOTHER VEHICLE...
THE BATMOBILE! I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON BATMAN TO ADD SOME EXCITEMENT TO MY PROJECTS!


BRAKING TO A HALT, THE JOKER SWIFTLY CLAMBERS UP THE GREAT CIRCUIT BREAKER AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS PURSUE...
A GOOD THING THEY DIDN'T TURN THE ELECTRIC POWER ON HERE YET, OR THIS WOULD BE VERY SHOCKING! HA! HA!


UHHH! BATMAN'S FIST CARRIES ENOUGH SHOCK AS IT IS!


TWISTING FREE, THE JOKER SEIZES A DANGLING CABLE, AND...
BATMAN-- HE'S SWINGING TOWARDS THE DAM!
QUICK, ROBIN-- GRAB ANOTHER CABLE! WE'VE GOT TO CUT HIM OFF!


BUT, EVEN AS THE DYNAMIC DUO COMPLETE THEIR AERIAL PURSUIT, THE CUNNING CRIME-CLOWN ACTS AGAIN...
LOOK! HE'S DIVING INTO THE WATER!

AND, ONCE AGAIN, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE STOPPED BY THE JOKER'S PRE-ARRANGED PLAN OF ESCAPE...
HE HAD A SPEEDBOAT WAITING THERE--TO TAKE HIM UPRIVER!
WELL, AT LEAST WE STOPPED HIM FROM GETTING THAT PAYROLL--AND PERHAPS THE NEXT TIME WE'LL STOP HIM FOR GOOD!
HA! HA! HA!
LATER, IN HIS UNIQUE RETREAT, THE GRIM JESTER GLOATS OVER HIS LATEST TRIUMPH...
HA! HA! I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN! HA! HA! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL BATMAN TRIES TO MAKE SENSE OF MY NEXT CHALLENGE! HA! HA!
AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, BATMAN PONDERS THE NEXT COMMUNICATION...
HERE'S A BRAND-NEW CLUE FOR YOU, BATMAN.. "UNOBTAINIUM"! GUESS WHAT THAT MEANS!
"UNOBTAINIUM"? THE JOKER'S RIGHT WHEN HE SAID IT'S BRAND-NEW!
"UNOBTAINIUM"? I NEVER HEARD THAT WORD BEFORE!
IT'S A NEWLY COINED WORD, ROBIN, THAT IS USED BY MISSILE-MEN! "UNOBTAINIUM" IS A NON-EXISTENT ROCKET FUEL THAT IS UNOBTAINABLE!
LATER, IN A PLANT THAT MANUFACTURES ROCKET SHIP PARTS, A TINY ARMADA OF TOY ROCKETS SUDDENLY ZOOMS ABOUT WILDLY...
YOW!
WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?
OH! THAT ONE ALMOST CONKED ME!
HA! HA! WHILE THEY'RE DODGING THE TOYS I RELEASED, I'LL OBTAIN THE INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS THEY PUT IN THE DRILLS USED TO CUT ROCKET SHIP PARTS! HA! HA!

I HAD A HUNCH YOU'D SHOW UP AT THE ONLY ROCKET PLANT IN GOTHAM CITY!
BATMAN! YOU SURPRISE ME! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND MY "UNOBTAINIUM" CLUE!
BUT I SAVED THIS ROCKET FOR YOU--JUST IN CASE YOU DID!
ZOOM
WOW! JUST MISSED ME!
GAINING PRECIOUS MOMENTS, THE CRIME-CLOWN DASHES OUTSIDE AND CLIMBS THE LADDER FLANKING A GIGANTIC THREE-STAGE PROP ROCKET...
THIS DISPLAY STRUCTURE WILL ENABLE ME TO ESCAPE FROM HIM!
GOTHAM AIRCRAFT
BUT BATMAN IS CLOSE BEHIND...
WHEN YOU REACH THE TOP, JOKER, YOU'LL HIT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR CAREER--BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN I'LL GET YOU!
BUT THE JOKER HAS PLANNED AHEAD, FOR WRENCHING OPEN A HATCH...
HA! HA! I'VE ANOTHER JOKE IN STORE, BATMAN!
AND BOLTING THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE...
HA! HA! HE DIDN'T KNOW I'D SECRETLY INSTALLED A MOTOR IN THIS PROP ROCKET, CONVERTING IT INTO A REAL AIRCRAFT!

BUT AS THE THIRD-STAGE ROCKET HURTLES UPWARD...

IT STOPPED! WHY? WHAT HAPPENED? I HAD THIS GETAWAY PLANNED PERFECTLY!

ROBIN-- IN THE BATPLANE! IT HOOKED THE ROCKET!

I CAN PLAN, TOO, JOKER! I MATCHED YOUR PRACTICAL JOKE WITH ONE OF MY OWN! SURELY, YOU'VE HEARD OF A "SKY HOOK"!

NOT LONG AFTER, WHEN THE JOKER FINDS HIMSELF IN PRISON...

HEY, JOKER-- THE GUARD WANTS TO GIVE YOU A SHEEPSKIN!

A SHEEPSKIN? I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT I'LL SEE HIM ABOUT IT!

A SHEEPSKIN! THEY'RE JUST KIDDING YOU! A "SHEEPSKIN" IS A PARDON--SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER GET!

HAW! HAW! S'MATTER, JOKER-- CAN'T YOU TAKE A JOKE? HA! HA!

BAH!

GUARD

THE END

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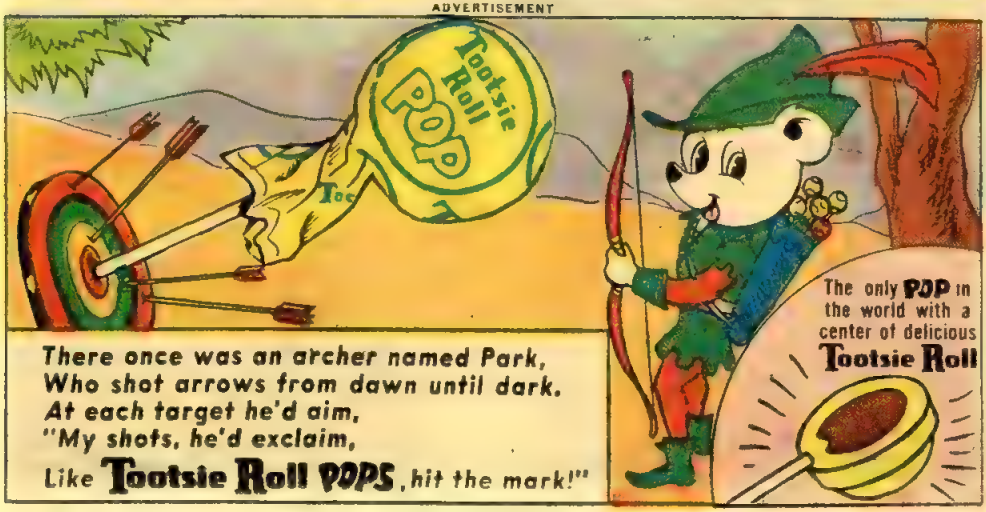
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There once was an archer named Park,
Who shot arrows from dawn until dark.
At each target he'd aim,
"My shots, he'd exclaim,
Like Tootsie Roll POPS, hit the mark!"
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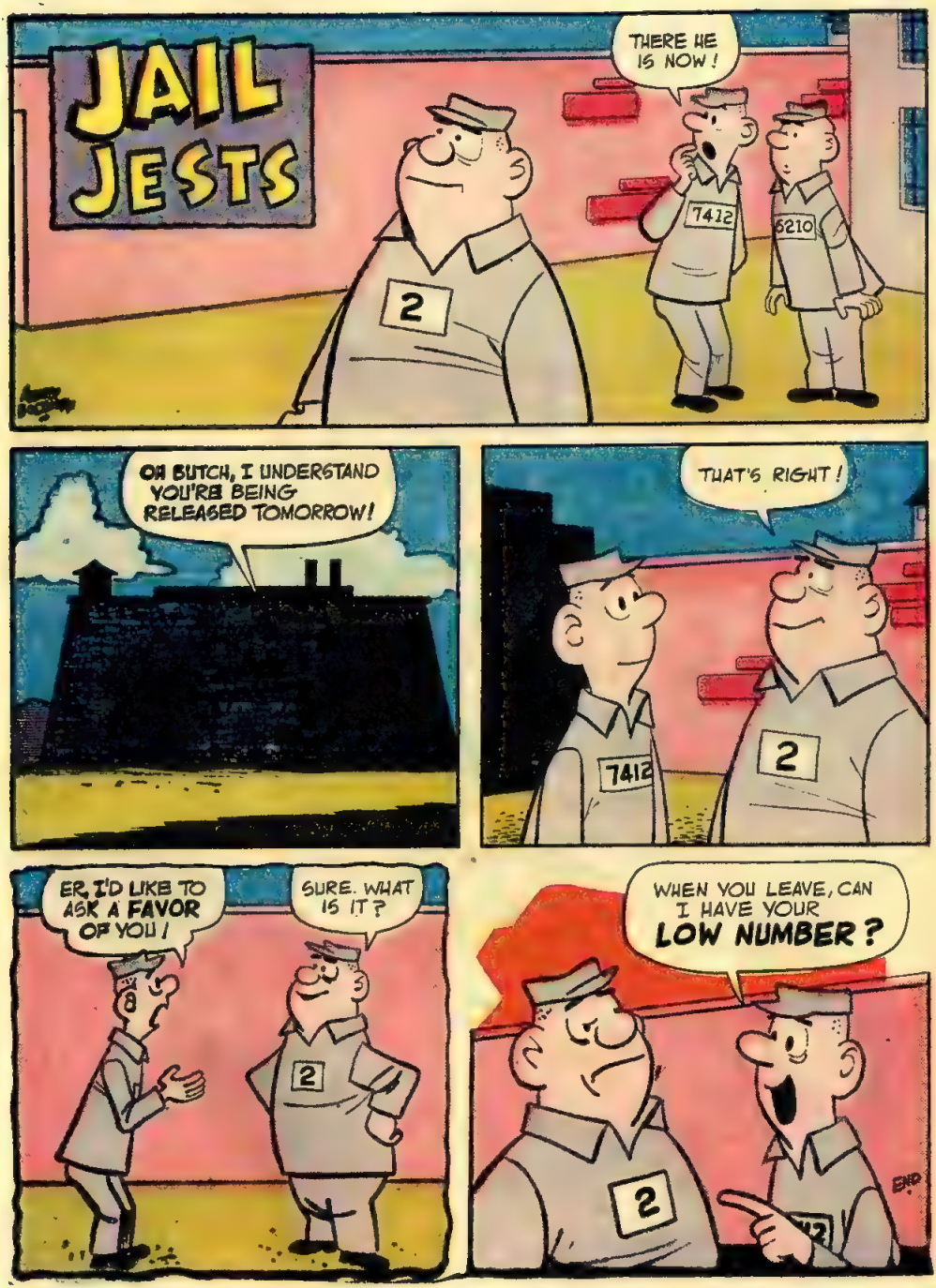
JAIL JESTS
THERE HE IS NOW!
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OH BUTCH, I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE BEING RELEASED TOMORROW!
THAT'S RIGHT!
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ER, I'D LIKE TO ASK A FAVOR OF YOU!
SURE. WHAT IS IT?
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WHEN YOU LEAVE, CAN I HAVE YOUR LOW NUMBER?
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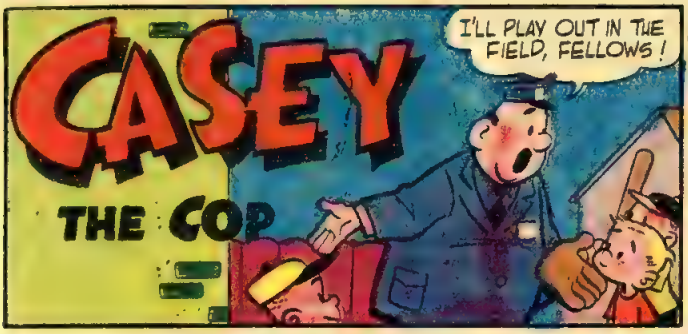
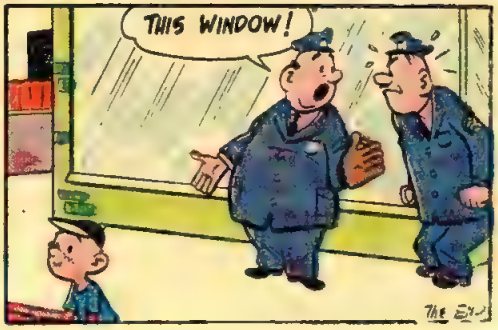




THE TELLTALE LADDER

DETECTIVE-LIEUTENANT Sam Osborne smelled something fishy, but he couldn't quite put his finger on it. There was the ladder, still floating in the swimming pool, and the body of the drowned man, lying on the opposite side, covered with a sheet. Certain elements simply didn't make sense—Osborne had to track them down.

"Did anyone else witness the accident?" he asked of Mr. Arthur Brewer—*the* Arthur Brewer, famed financial wizard and counsel to a dozen corporations.

"No, Lieutenant," Brewer said politely, "the dead man—my butler—and I were the only ones present on the whole estate. Poor Reeves . . . I warned him to be careful. Couldn't swim a stroke, you know."

"What was he doing up on that ladder?" Osborne asked.

Brewer pointed up at the light bulb hanging from a fixture just overhead. "We were preparing for a party I'm giving tonight. That bulb was out when I tested the pool lights. I asked him to check it."

"That's when he somehow fell off the ladder, eh?"

"So I assume. I was back in the house when I heard Reeves scream. He'd fallen into the deep end here. By the time I arrived to fish him out, it was too late."

As two of Osborne's bathing-suited assistants emerged from the pool, dragging the fatal ladder with them, the detective ordered them to stand it beneath the light bulb which Brewer had just indicated. It was the only one not burning along the side of the pool, Osborne noted, as he climbed up to inspect it. For a long moment, he frowned at the dusty globe, then pulled out a red pencil and drew five circles on the glass surface. Finally, with a handkerchief, he gave it a turn in its socket, and felt his heart jump as the light went on. Quickly, he climbed down.

"Randall," he called to one of the men in bathing trunks, "go on up there and take a fall into the pool."

The assistant gazed curiously at his boss, but he'd learned long ago never to underestimate Sam Osborne. He did as he was instructed, while the lieutenant watched the ladder go tumbling to the ground. The act was repeated four more times, from different angles, and Osborne's eyes remained glued to the ladder as each time it went hurtling to the concrete. With Randall's final climb, however, Osborne simply gave the ladder a push, and watched it carry his hapless sidekick into the water.

"Sorry I had to do it the hard way," he called out to the startled man—and then, turning to Brewer, "If you were the only other person present, that makes you the murderer. You already admitted no one else was here."

"This is no time for jokes," the financier smiled.

"It's no joke, Brewer. If Reeves had really fallen accidentally, he'd have kicked the ladder back on the concrete, the way Randall just did five times. Only when I *pushed* him did the ladder go into the pool with him."

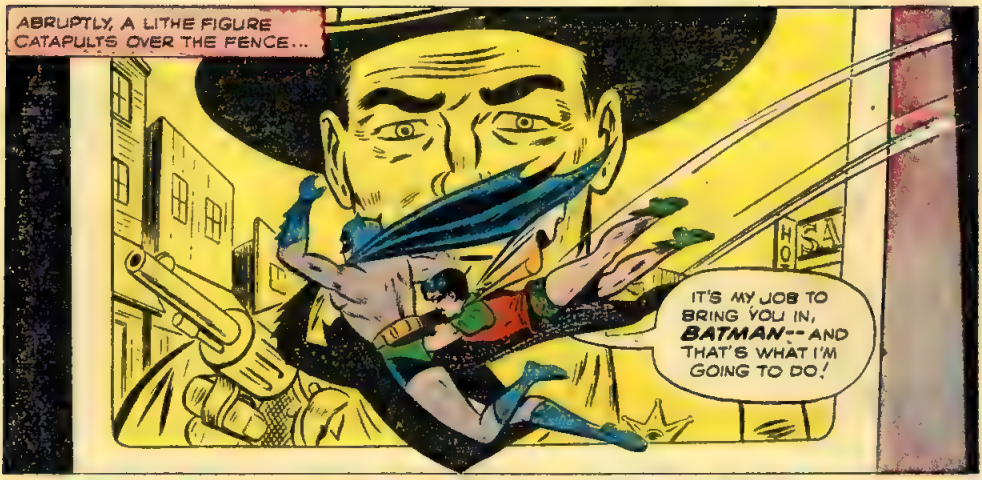
Brewer's smile was fast fading, as Osborne next pointed up at the light bulb. "In the dust on that bulb are five finger marks, made by someone who deliberately loosened it, I think. If your prints turn up in those five circles I drew, Brewer, I'll know for sure. Shall I have it checked?"

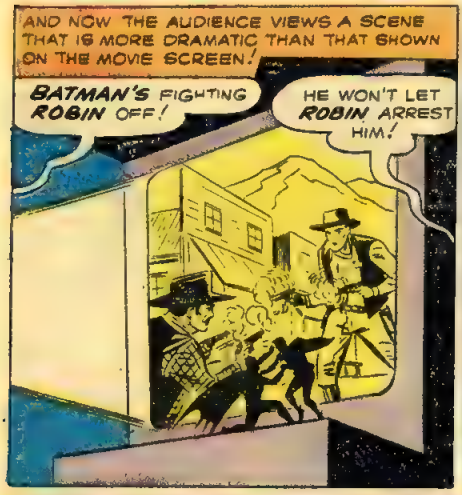
"Don't bother," Brewer began sobbing. "They're my prints. Reeves knew I'd been gambling heavily—first with my own funds, then with my clients'. Kept losing, you see. Reeves threatened to expose me, if I didn't pay him blackmail money. He deserved to die."

"Mr. Brewer," Osborne replied gravely, leading him toward the squad car, "as a lawyer, you should know that only the judge and jury decide who deserves to die. As a murder defendant, you'll learn that the hard way."

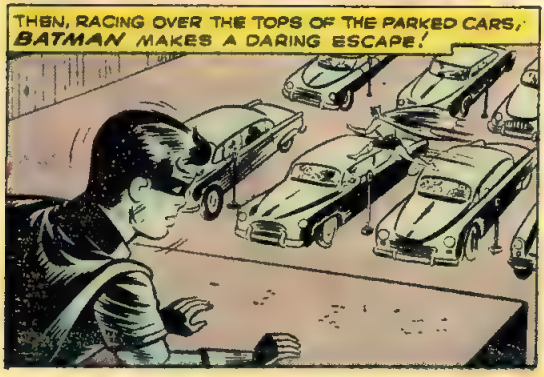
BAT MAN
WITH ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN A HUNTED CRIMINAL? CAN YOU IMAGINE ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND JOINING IN THE POLICE MANHUNT FOR THE CAPTURE OF BATMAN? AND CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN TURNING ON ROBIN, THE BOY WHO WAS ONCE HIS BEST FRIEND? YOU'LL ACTUALLY SEE IT ALL HAPPEN IN THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF...
The FUGITIVE BATMAN
GO GET HIM, BAT-HOUND! WE'VE GOT TO BRING HIM IN! BATMAN'S PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE NOW!
GRRR GRR!
SUMMONED TO HEADQUARTERS, REPORTERS HEAR POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON SPEAK WITH GREAT EMOTION...
I-I'M AFRAID I MUST TELL YOU THAT BATMAN IS WANTED FOR A CRIME!
HUH!
BATMAN? IMPOSSIBLE! WHAT CRIME DID HE COMMIT?
I CAN'T REVEAL THAT UNTIL BATMAN'S TRIAL! BATMAN HAS ESCAPED THE POLICE DRAGNET-- SO ROBIN IS GOING TO HELP CAPTURE HIM! ROBIN KNOWS BATMAN'S TRICKS--HIS POSSIBLE HIDEAWAYS! IF ANYONE CAN TRACK HIM DOWN, ROBIN CAN!

STUNNED REPORTERS REALIZE ROBIN'S TORTURE AS THE BOY SPEAKS...
ROBIN--YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO HUNT DOWN YOUR BEST FRIEND?
NO MAN IS GREATER THAN THE LAW--NOT EVEN BATMAN! IT IS MY SWORN DUTY TO HELP THE POLICE CAPTURE ANY CRIMINAL--EVEN IF THAT CRIMINAL IS BATMAN!
PRESS
SOON AFTER, THE INCREDIBLE NEWS SHOCKS THE NATION...
EXTRA! BATMAN WANTED FOR CRIME! EXTRA!
BATMAN
THIS IS TERRIBLE--TERRIBLE!
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
MEANWHILE, ROBIN GIRDS HIMSELF FOR HIS GRIM TASK...
WHERE WILL YOU LOOK FOR BATMAN FIRST?
BATMAN HAS OFTEN USED CERTAIN DESERTED BUILDINGS AS EMERGENCY CRIME LABS TO CHECK ON CLUES WHEN HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO HOME TO THE BAT-CAVE! HE MAY BE HIDING IN ONE OF THOSE...
POLICE
NIGHTFALL--AND AS THE TENSE YOUNGSTER WARILY APPROACHES A GAUNT BUILDING ON THE EDGE OF TOWN, SUDDENLY...
BATMAN--HE'S SPOTTED ME! BATMAN! WAIT! GIVE YOURSELF UP! BATMAN!
ALIGHTING, BATMAN FINDS HIMSELF ON A STAGE--BEFORE THE SCREEN OF A DRIVE-IN MOVIE...
SALOON
LOOK!
IT'S BATMAN!
BUT BATMAN DASHES ON, IGNORING THE FRANTIC CRIES OF THE PURSUING BOY...
BATMAN! DON'T BE A FOOL! YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE FOR YOURSELF! BATMAN...


ABRUPTLY, A LITHE FIGURE CATAPULTS OVER THE FENCE...
IT'S MY JOB TO BRING YOU IN, BATMAN--AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!


AND NOW THE AUDIENCE VIEWS A SCENE THAT IS MORE DRAMATIC THAN THAT SHOWN ON THE MOVIE SCREEN!
BATMAN'S FIGHTING ROBIN OFF!
HE WON'T LET ROBIN ARREST HIM!

BATMAN'S THROWN ROBIN!
HE'S GETTING AWAY!


THEN, RACING OVER THE TOPS OF THE PARKED CARS, BATMAN MAKES A DARING ESCAPE!

SOMETIME LATER, REPORTERS BESIEGE THE GRIM BOY WONDER AT HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW, ROBIN? BATMAN'S DISAPPEARED!
I'LL FIND HIM--WITH SOME HELP! I'M GOING TO USE THE BAT-HOUND TO PICK UP BATMAN'S TRAIL!

SOON AFTER, IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION...

LUCKILY, OUR FRIEND JOHN WILKER WENT TO EUROPE AND LEFT HIS DOG, ACE, WITH US! AS LONG AS ACE WEARS THIS MASK, NO ONE WILL KNOW HE'S THE SAME DOG PLACED IN OUR CARE!

LATER, THE FUGITIVE BATMAN SEES...

ROBIN--AND THE BAT-HOUND! I'VE GOT TO KEEP RUNNING NOW!

THAT'S IT, BAT-HOUND--KEEP TRAILING BATMAN! WE'VE GOT TO TRACK HIM DOWN!

GRR!

GRR!

SWIFTLY, THE HUNTED BATMAN MAKES FOR A ROOFTOP--BUT ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND CLOSE IN RELENTLESSLY...

LOOK UP THERE!

ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND--AFTER BATMAN!

AWED SPECTATORS WATCH THE INEXORABLE MANHUNT THAT LEADS TO A SPECTACULAR ADVERTISING SIGN...

RYAN'S fishing supplies

THEY'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED!

HE CAN'T GET AWAY NOW!

SUDDENLY, BATMAN WRENCHES THE GIANT FISHING NET LOOSE AND...

THAT SHOULD HOLD YOU FOR A FEW MINUTES!

INSTANTLY, BATMAN WHIRLS, GRABS THE DANGLING FISHING LINE, AND...

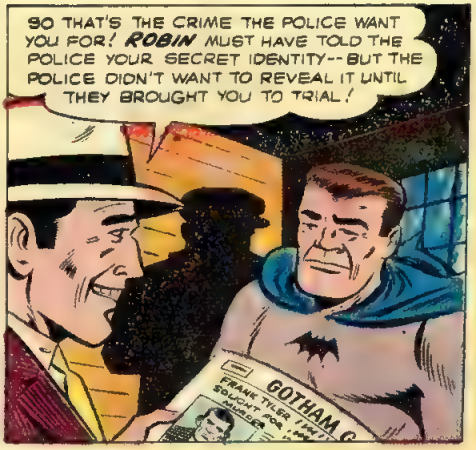
HE GOT AWAY!

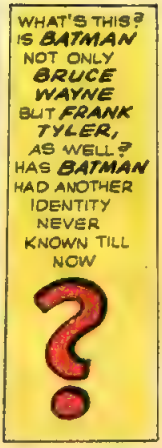
YEAH--BUT FOR HOW LONG?

ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND WILL CATCH UP WITH HIM SOONER OR LATER!

SOON AFTER, THE LATEST NEWS BULLETIN BRINGS MOCKING LAUGHTER FROM CRIMINALS BATMAN ONCE HUNTED...
THOUGH BATMAN HAS ESCAPED AGAIN, ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND HAVE NOT GIVEN UP THEIR SEARCH FOR HIM...
HAW! BATMAN'S ONE COP WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYMORE!
YEAH--NOW HE'S A CROOK, TOO--JUST LIKE US! HAW! HAW!
MEANWHILE, A CAPED FIGURE DARTS ALONG THE SHADOWY WATERFRONT...
SWIFTLY, BATMAN RUSHES INSIDE A BUILDING AND AUDIBLY SIGHS IN RELIEF...
PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! NOW I CAN CATCH MY BREATH AND HIDE OUT HERE FOR AWHILE!
YOU PICKED THE WRONG PLACE, BATMAN!
NIFTY BLAKE!
YEAH! YOU ARRESTED ME LAST WEEK, REMEMBER? YOU ACCUSED ME OF BEING PART OF THE RED MASK MOB--BUT YOU COULDN'T PROVE IT, SO THE POLICE LET ME GO! NOW I'M GONNA GET EVEN AND TURN YOU IN!
WAIT, NIFTY--GIVE ME A BREAK! I'M FINISHED AS BATMAN! NOW I'M JUST A CRIMINAL ON THE RUN! LET ME JOIN YOUR GANG! AS BATMAN, I'VE GOT INSIDE INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP YOU!
YEAH--YOU COULD HELP! BUT HOW DO I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU?
I'LL PROVE IT! ONLY ROBIN KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY--BUT NOW THAT I'M FINISHED AS BATMAN, THERE'S NO USE HIDING MY IDENTITY ANYMORE! I'LL SHOW YOU MY FACE!
IN ONE DRAMATIC MOVE, BATMAN WHIPS OFF HIS COWL--AND STANDS UNMASKED!
HOLY SMOKE! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE!
NIFTY, I RECOGNIZE THAT FACE! THERE'S A PICTURE OF IT IN TODAY'S PAPER!

GOTHAM GLOBE
FRANK TYLER SOUGHT FOR MURDER
FAMOUS AUTHOR OF DETECTIVE STORY NOVELS ESCAPES POLICE


SO THAT'S THE CRIME THE POLICE WANT YOU FOR! ROBIN MUST HAVE TOLD THE POLICE YOUR SECRET IDENTITY--BUT THE POLICE DIDN'T WANT TO REVEAL IT UNTIL THEY BROUGHT YOU TO TRIAL!
GOTHAM


WHAT'S THIS? IS BATMAN NOT ONLY BRUCE WAYNE BUT FRANK TYLER, AS WELL? HAS BATMAN HAD ANOTHER IDENTITY NEVER KNOWN TILL NOW
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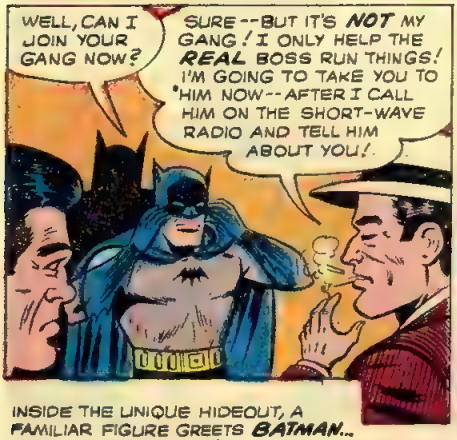
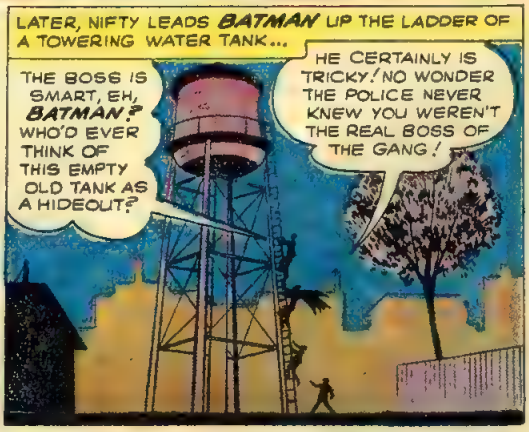
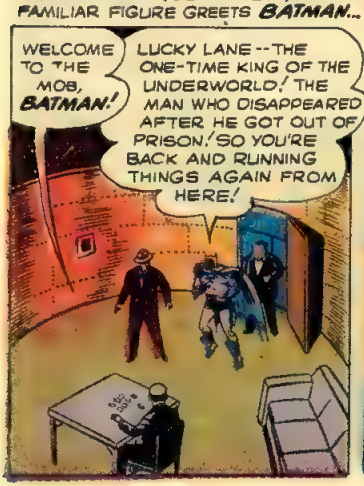
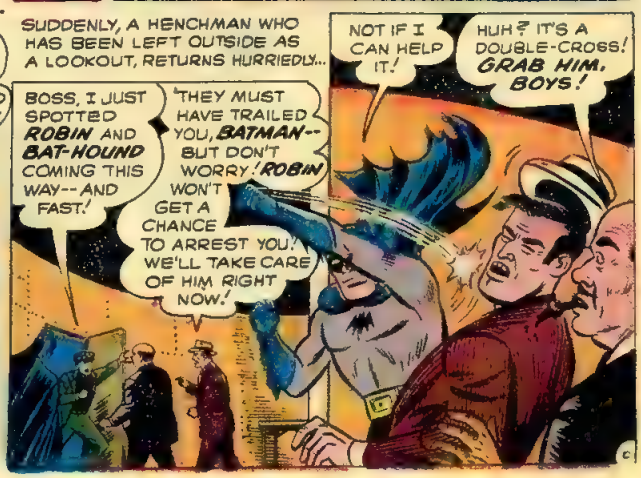

WELL, CAN I JOIN YOUR GANG NOW?
SURE--BUT IT'S NOT MY GANG! I ONLY HELP THE REAL BOSS RUN THINGS! I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO HIM NOW--AFTER I CALL HIM ON THE SHORT-WAVE RADIO AND TELL HIM ABOUT YOU!


LATER, NIFTY LEADS BATMAN UP THE LADDER OF A TOWERING WATER TANK...
THE BOSS IS SMART, EH, BATMAN? WHO'D EVER THINK OF THIS EMPTY OLD TANK AS A HIDEOUT?
HE CERTAINLY IS TRICKY! NO WONDER THE POLICE NEVER KNEW YOU WEREN'T THE REAL BOSS OF THE GANG!


INSIDE THE UNIQUE HIDEOUT, A FAMILIAR FIGURE GREETS BATMAN...
WELCOME TO THE MOB, BATMAN!
LUCKY LANE--THE ONE-TIME KING OF THE UNDERWORLD! THE MAN WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER HE GOT OUT OF PRISON! SO YOU'RE BACK AND RUNNING THINGS AGAIN FROM HERE!


SUDDENLY, A HENCHMAN WHO HAS BEEN LEFT OUTSIDE AS A LOOKOUT, RETURNS HURRIEDLY...
BOSS, I JUST SPOTTED ROBIN AND BAT-HOUND COMING THIS WAY--AND FAST!
THEY MUST HAVE TRAILED YOU, BATMAN--BUT DON'T WORRY! ROBIN WON'T GET A CHANCE TO ARREST YOU! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM RIGHT NOW!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
HUH? IT'S A DOUBLE-CROSS! GRAB HIM, BOYS!

AS BATMAN VALIANTLY FIGHTS AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS, SUDDENLY TWO NEWCOMERS BURST IN ON THE BATTLE...
WELL, WELL! JUST IN TIME FOR THE CLEAN-UP!
WITH THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED AGAINST THEM, THE HOODLUMS STAMPEDE OUTSIDE THE TANK-- BUT THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE RIGHT BEHIND!
BATMAN, LUCKY'S TRYING TO MAKE A GETAWAY!
I'LL TAKE A SHORT-CUT DOWN-- AND HEAD HIM OFF!
IN A SERIES OF DAZZLING SWINGS, THE ACRO BATMAN TRAPEZES DOWN THE CROSS-BARS, WHEN...
I'LL PICK OFF BATMAN FROM HERE!
BUT, SWIFT AS A BULLET, BAT-HOUND HURTLES FORWARD...
YI-II!
GOOD WORK, BAT-HOUND-- I'LL TAKE OVER NOW!
GRRRRR! GRRRRR!
MEANWHILE, THE REIGN OF THE HOODLUM KING COMES TO AN ABRUPT END!
HOLD IT, LUCKY-- THERE'S A NICE CLEAN PRISON CELL WAITING FOR YOU!

LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WE'RE FINISHED, BATMAN -- BUT SO ARE YOU! I SAW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! I'LL TELL THE WORLD YOU'RE FRANK TYLER!
THIS IS THE REAL FRANK TYLER! YOU NEVER SAW MY TRUE IDENTITY! I WAS ONLY DISGUISED AS TYLER!
THAT STORY ABOUT ME BEING WANTED FOR MURDER WAS A FAKE! I WAS MERELY HELPING THE POLICE IN BATMAN'S PLAN TO CONVINCE YOU HE WAS A WANTED CRIMINAL!
HUH? THEN ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT ROBIN AND THE POLICE BEING AFTER YOU WAS JUST A TRICK?
A TRICK TO GET ME INTO THE RED MASK MOB SO I COULD EXPOSE ITS REAL BOSS! I KNEW YOU'D BE SUSPICIOUS IF I TRIED TO JOIN YOUR MOB DISGUISED AS JUST ANOTHER CROOK...
...BUT YOU'D REALLY BELIEVE BATMAN HAD TURNED CRIMINAL IF HE SHOWED YOU HIS "TRUE" IDENTITY! AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PLAN WORKED!
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN, LET'S GO HOME! OUR ACT IS OVER -- AND THE CURTAIN'S DOWN -- ON LUCKY LANE!
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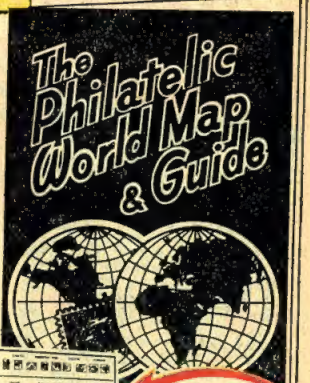

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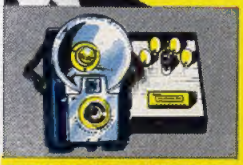

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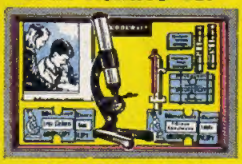

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